

Below is the
"suggested" message,
but I want to add
that I totally
agree. The largest
threat today to our
democracy is not
terrorism, it is the
loss of our free
press. Companies
like Pappas,
Sinclair,
ClearChannel, Fox
and others are
seeking to dominate
the airwaves with
biased, self
benefiting
"information" (read
propaganda).
A "fair and
balanced" press is
critical, and use of
the public airwaves
MUST abide by the
rules. If Pappas
continues on the
planned path, they
should lose their
license.

Pappas Telecasting
Companies'
'donation' of
\$325,000 in airtime
to Republican
candidates in
certain areas is yet
another example of a
powerful media group
abusing its
privileged access to
the public airwaves.

Localism is not
served when a
corporate
headquarters decides
to provide one side
in local elections a
louder voice than
others. During
election season,
local audiences
should be offered

genuine debate --
not disingenuous
offers to "purchase"
an equal amount of
response time.

Pappas uses the
public airwaves free
of charge and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. Pappas'
actions are legally
questionable and
cast doubt on
whether Pappas truly
intends to serve the
public interest.
Their actions show
why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them.
Further, they show
why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than just a
returned postcard.
Thank you.